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At the present time, when the gold-fields of New South Wales are attracting more general attention, and are being more recognised as an important branch of the national industry than at any period since the reaction from the interest of the first discovery, I have thought it might be of some service to the public, in the light, even of my total half-century's experience, to offer to the Government the fullest information in my power as to the position, extent, present condition, and future prospects of these fields entrusted to my charge.

I have, &c.,

HAROLD MACLEAY,
Commissioner in Charge of the Western
Gold-fields.

The Honorable the Secretary for
Lands and Public Works.

Stir.—I do myself the honour to submit the following report to the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, for the month of July, 1888.

During the past month I have visited the fields of the District of Columbia, and the Lower Potomac, for the purpose of issuing and renewing business licenses. At the first named locality there are about sixty miners working in the bed of the Potomac, near Opokie Creek, many of whom during the late dry weather were engaged in prospecting. Some parties are now engaged in testing by sinking the surrounding ranges. At Burnside there are engaged about 200 miners, the majority of whom are engaged on the ranges of the Potomac in that neighbourhood. A few only have been successful in finding a branch of gold mining is too laborious, and requires an amount of capital which the ordinary digger is unable to command.

The *Mirindes* and the *Lower Meroo*, lately attached to this district, contain a population of about 400 miners, of whom one-third are Chinese; most of them are at present busy in the search for gold in the *Meroo*—with that degree of success I have been able as yet to ascertain.

The *Ironbar* and *Stoney Creek* are still, as stated in the last report, principally occupied by Chinese. They have now crossed three rivers, and obtained a rich supply of *Sydney*, from which I think it probable that a considerable addition to their number may shortly result. No difficulty has as yet arisen between the Chinese and the European miners, and the various complaints have been made of their tendency to waste water. Their general conduct has been orderly and peaceable, and order. At the quarries, if several parties are at work, they are not likely to quarrel; and I have already received five

3. I estimate the mining and business population of this district at about 1200, of whom 400 are Chinese. There have been issued since the last January, 491 mining rights, and 43 business licenses; the disparity between these figures with the population of the district is accounted for by the fact that nearly all the population living passed through other gold-fields were provided with miners' rights on their arrival here, and that at least 400 of the population of the district will not be due until later in the year. The population of the district was estimated at 1200, and the amount of gold forwarded by escort during the half-year was 27 ozs. 13 dwts. 7 grs.; the small quantity sent in the latter half of the year is due to the fact that the summer season, which prevented a large portion of the gold-field from being profitably worked; and also from the fact, that the gold obtained at Ophir, Merinde, and

recort—the former being sent to Orange, and the latter to Louisa Creek.

I have, &c.

WILLIAM DALLAS JOHNSON,
Acting Assistant Gold Commissioner.
The Commissioner in charge of the Western Gold-
fields, Soials.

Louisa Creek, 31 July, 1885.

Sir,—I do myself the honour to report on the Mer-
cator Tambora Gold-field, for the past quarter.

I have received, for the three months ending the 30th
June—miners' rights, \$346 00 7 dms 3 grs. 80
The amount of gold transmitted to escort during
same period was 19,209 ozs. 15 dwts. 6 grs., to
which may be added the amount left at this station by
Madre Sore, viz \$346 00 7 dms 3 grs., all of
which is the produce of this district; make a

al of 22,675 tons. 2 returns it. It is seen that the gold-mining above noted will be a great gain to the gold-mining industry of the country. In a flourishing condition, and from their permanent character and extent, these mines will be little doubt that they will continue so. The Chinese population continue quiet, and, with the exception of giving trouble in the collection of their license fees, are well conducted. The European miners are generally contented, and doing well. They bear very little good-will towards the Chinese, and apprehend no serious disturbance among them at present. The men under my command, with one exception, are steady and well behaved. The horses, though poor, are still healthy, and, during one, sound. I have, &c.,

W. BROWNE,
Lieut. Col. 1st Regt. 10th Cavalry.

Assistant Gold Commissioner,
Commissioner in charge of the Western Gold-
fields, Souda.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION BILL.

RETURN of Gold exported to China since the passing
the Export Duty Act, distinguishing the quantity
each year.

Year.	Quantity. con. dwts. grs.	Value. s. d.
1857	942 6 0	3,514 0 0
1858	3,504 19 0	13,966 0 0
Totals..	4,447 5 0	16,580 0 0

RETURN of the number of Chinese who have left the
colony, by sea, since 1st January, 1856, distinguish-

	1856.	1857.	1858.
Months.	Numbers.	Numbers.	Numbers.
January	1	19	Nil.
February	Nil.	Nil.	71
March	4	Nd.	232
April	1	Nd.	14
May	Nil.	Nil.	20
June	3	5	62
July	289	Nil.	58
August	34	Nd.	121*
September	50	Nd.	
October	31	75	
November	2	Nil.	
December	29	8	
Totals	448	107	558

* Part of Sydney only.

Months.	Numbers.	Numbers.	Numbers.
January	Nil.	Nil.	581
February	Nil.	Nil.	2346+
March	Nil.	Nil.	1009
April	Nil.	Nil.	463
May	Nil.	Nil.	1016
June	354	107	4825
July	644	3	614
August	Nil.	96	1680+
September	Nil.	2	
October	Nil.	46	
November	Nil.	Nil.	
December	Nil.	24	

Totals . . . 898 327 12,596

* Two of these were females.
† Part of spiny only.

MENAGERIE DISCOVERED.—The intense cold on the main ranges is found to interfere considerably with mining operations, the snow at Meragie being frequently six inches deep in the bottoms of the diggings. As a natural consequence, the holders of the ranges are considerably retarded, and the yield of gold is not so large as it could otherwise have been. The gold, however, is still reported to be "There," and experience confirms the belief that the Meragie is rich in a special manner. Numerous independent favours as with the following line of route, which he states is the shortest lead to Meragie:—By Father Thyer's old station, a corner of a mile past the old stockyard; a narrow track to Meragie.

the distance is said to be eighty miles, and it is alleged that a good dry road exists all the way. — *Border Post.*

THE CHINESE.—A file of soldiers, as we understand, from Tientsin, of about a half troop, and numbering about 500, passed through Baitou on Wednesday last on their way to Victoria. On Saturday and Sunday the herbs in the vicinity of the town were picked by their garrisons. — *Norfolk Press.*

LAND SALE AT ORANBY.—I know not whether it may be considered auspicious of the time, but the following is no less strange and true:—At the land sale on Wednesday last, one share of land of the township was sold for less than \$200.—*Norfolk Times.*

...as, as they appear to be punctual and regular in the business engagements.

At the present time when the gold-fields of New South Wales are attracting more general attention, and being more recognised as an important branch of colonial industry than at any period since the reaction on the interest of the first discovery, I have thought right, even at the risk of overstepping the bounds of my usual half-yearly review, to offer to the Government the fullest information in my power as to the position, extent, present condition, and future prospects of those fields entrusted to my charge.

I have, &c.,

HAROLD MACLEAY,
Commissioner in charge of the Western
Gold-fields.

The Honorable the Secretary for
Lands and Public Works.

Gold Commissioner's Office,
San Francisco, January 1st, 1898.

Sir:— Do you wish the Bureau to submit my half-year report on the district under my charge?

During the past month I have visited the gold fields at Star, Burroeding, Merindee, and the Lower Merced, for the purpose of ascertaining the rights and interests of the Chinese miners in the district, and the Chinese licenses. At the first named localities there are about sixty miners working in the bed of the Immerball and Ophir Creeks, many of whom during the winter weather are well repaid for their labor by the sale of their sluice boxes and other mining tools. Some parties are now engaged in prospecting, the surrounding ranges. At Burroeding there are about 200 miners, the majority of whom are engaged on a quartz vein lately opened in that locality. At Merindee, a few parties are working on a branch of gold mining is too laborious and unprofitable to attract much attention. At Star, the district requires an amount of capital which the ordinary digger is unable to command.

At Merindee and Lower Merced, lately attached to this district, contain a population of about 400 miners, of whom one-third are Chinese; most of them are now opening up new ground on the Merced—

The Ironbark and Stoney Creek are still, as stated in my last report, principally occupied by Chinese. They are erected three acres, and obtained large supplies of iron ore, from which I think it probable that a considerable quantity will be shipped to the United States. No difficulty has as yet arisen between the Chinese and the European miners, although in some instances complaints have been made of their tendency to work in the same veins as the Europeans. Their general conduct has been remarkably peaceable and unobtrusive. In some quarters, of several parties are still sinking, with every prospect of success; and I have already received five applications for leases of 100 yards of this and other districts in the neighbourhood of the Ironbark.

3. I estimate the mining and business population of this district at about 1200, of whom 400 are Chinese. There have been issued since the last January, 461 licenses, and 45 business licenses; the disparity between these numbers with the population of the district is accounted for by the fact that nearly all the population passed through other gold-fields were provided

The Commissioner in charge of the Western Gold-
 fields, Sofia.

I have, &c.,
 WHITTENBELL JOHNSON,
 Acting Assistant Gold Commissioner.

LOUISA CREEK, 31 July, 1856.

Sir,—I do myself the honor to reply to your letter
 of the 27th inst. in relation to the Tamberora Gold-field,
 for the past year. The amount of gold
 has been issued, for the three months ending the 30th
 June—miners' rights, 2397; traders' licenses, 89.

The amount of gold transmitted by escort during the same time was 19,000, 15,000 and 15,000 lbs. which may be added the amount sent at this station by Madgees escort, viz., 34,650 lbs. 7 dwms 3 grs., all which is the produce of this district: making a total of 32,000 lbs. 2 dwms 3 grs. 15.000.

By the above returns it will be seen that the gold-dust still continue in a very flourishing condition, and from their permanent character and extent, these returns will be little doubt that they will continue so.

The Chinese population of this district is small, and, with exception of giving great trouble in the collection their license fees, are well conducted.

The European miners are generally contented, and doing well. They bear very little good-will towards the Chinese, but apprehend no serious disturbance from them at present.

The men under my command, with one exception, were steady and well behaved.

The Chinese, though poor, are still healthy, and, during one, sound.

I have, &c.

W. BROWN.

ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONER,
IN CHARGE OF THE WESTERN GOLD-
FIELDS, SOFALA.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION BILL.

RETURN of gold exported to China since the passing
of the Export Duty Act, distinguishing the quantity
each year.

Year.	Quantity.	Value.
	ozs. dwt. grs.	£ s. d.
1857	942 6 0	3,514 0 0
1858	3,564 19 0	13,066 0 0
Totals	4,447 5 0	16,580 0 0

RETURN of the number of [Chinese] who have left the
colony, by sea, since 1st January, 1856, distinguish-
ing the number in each month.

	1856.	1857.	1858.
Months.	Numbers.	Numbers.	Numbers.
January	1	19	Nil.
February	Nil.	Nil.	71

March	4	Nil.	237
April	1	Nil.	14
May	Nil.	Nil.	20
June	3	5	62
July	289	Nil.	28
August	34	Nil.	121*
September	50	Nil.	
October	31	75	
November	3	Nil.	
December	29	8	
Totals	445	107	558

* Part of Sydney only.

arrivals of the number of Chin-see who have arrived in the colony, by sea, since 1st January, 1856, distinguishing the number in each month.

Months.	Numbers.	Numbers.	Numbers.
January	Nil.	Nil.	581
February	Nil.	Nil.	2345*
March	Nil.	Nil.	1009
April	Nil.	Nil.	463

May	NiL.	NiL.	1016
June	354	107	4695
July	544	3	614
August	NiL.	96	1680*
September	NiL.	2	
October	NiL.	46	
November	NiL.	NiL.	
December	NiL.	24	
Totals	898	327	12,396

* Plus of 250 were females.
 * Part of Sydney only.

MERAPIE DIGGING.—The intense cold on the main ranges is found to interfere considerably with mining operations, the snow on Merapie being frequently as deep as three feet in the vicinity of the diggings. As a natural consequence, the hours of work are considerably curtailed, and the yield of gold is not so large as it would otherwise have been. The gold, however, is still reported to be "There," and experience confirms the belief that the Merapie will turn out a splendid

men digging. A correspondent favours us with the following line of route, which he states to be the shortest to Meragale. — By Fashur: Tuery's old station, a distance of a mile past the old stockyard; thence, by a right hand road to Royal's station; thence to Meragale's station; and thence to Bell's station. Mundurli's distance is said to be eighty miles, and it is alleged that a good dry road exists all the way. — *Border post.*

THE CURIOUS.—A file of potatoes, as we understand, from Taminara, of about a mile long, and numbering about 200, passed through Mustangs on Wednesday, on their way to Victoria. On the way, the Mustangs were searched in the vicinity of the town as well as with their taloo tents. — *Know no Free Press.*

THE BARRAGE AT DALHOUSIE.—We have been told by a returned sailor and member of the times, but the following is no longer true:—At the land side on Wednesday last, one or more of the boats were sent to the river, and the following is no longer true:—The towpath was sold for no less than \$200. — *Justice & Truth.*

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September, 1864.

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